

JEFFERSON COUNTY
STAGE ONE FIRE RESTRICTIONS
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION 2012-19

WHEREAS, high temperatures and low precipitation have occurred within Jefferson County during the months of May and June, 2012 resulting in dry fuel conditions, poor soil moisture conditions and low water supplies which has contributed to a **HIGH** wildland fire danger; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners declares that all the private land not under the jurisdiction of the municipalities or state or federal agencies is a high fire hazard area.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Commissioners that **Stage One Fire Restrictions** are in effect for all private lands in Jefferson County, due to **HIGH** wildland fire danger. Exemptions for agriculture activities such as harvesting crops, burning ditch banks and stubble are hereby exempt. However, agricultural producers must obtain a valid burning permit and must notify the Jefferson County 911 Dispatch Center and their local Rural Fire Department before conducting any controlled burning and have fire suppression equipment on site; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that all activities that might potentially cause a fire shall cease immediately and be prohibited until further notice. Activities that might cause a fire include but are not limited to:


- Any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fused explosives, fireworks, and
- Any other activity that poses a significant risk of starting a fire, including welding, or using a cutting torch.

AN EXEMPTION DOES NOT ABSOLVE AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION FROM LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FIRE STARTED BY THE EXEMPTED ACTIVITY.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution becomes effective at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday – June 30th, 2012 and shall remain in effect until such time as it may be amended or rescinded by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 29th day of June, 2012 by the Board of County Commissioners Jefferson County, Montana.

ATTEST:


BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER


LEONARD WORTMAN, CHAIR


TOMAS E. LYTHGOE, COMMISSIONER


DAVE KIRSCH, COMMISSIONER